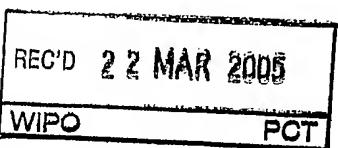


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International application No. PCT/US2004/042376	International filing date (day/month/year) 17.12.2004	Priority date (day/month/year) 17.12.2003
International Patent Classification (IPC) or both national classification and IPC A61N1/39, A61N1/18, A61N1/08		
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1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

- Box No. I Basis of the opinion
- Box No. II Priority
- Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- Box No. VI Certain documents cited
- Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application
- Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

2. FURTHER ACTION

If a demand for international preliminary examination is made, this opinion will usually be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA"). However, this does not apply where the applicant chooses an Authority other than this one to be the IPEA and the chosen IPEA has notified the International Bureau under Rule 66.1bis(b) that written opinions of this International Searching Authority will not be so considered.

If this opinion is, as provided above, considered to be a written opinion of the IPEA, the applicant is invited to submit to the IPEA a written reply together, where appropriate, with amendments, before the expiration of three months from the date of mailing of Form PCT/ISA/220 or before the expiration of 22 months from the priority date, whichever expires later.

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Box No. I Basis of the opinion

1. With regard to the **language**, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
 - This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language , which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b)).
2. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:
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 - table(s) related to the sequence listing
 - b. format of material:
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 - in computer readable form
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 - filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
 - furnished subsequently to this Authority for the purposes of search.
3. In addition, in the case that more than one version or copy of a sequence listing and/or table relating thereto has been filed or furnished, the required statements that the information in the subsequent or additional copies is identical to that in the application as filed or does not go beyond the application as filed, as appropriate, were furnished.
4. Additional comments:

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**Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or
industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Yes: Claims	
	No: Claims	1-31
Inventive step (IS)	Yes: Claims	
	No: Claims	1-31
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes: Claims	1-31
	No: Claims	

2. Citations and explanations

see separate sheet

Re Item V.

- 1 Reference is made to the following documents:
D1 : US 5 105 821 A (REYES ET AL) 21 April 1992 (1992-04-21)
D2 : EP 1 250 944 A (GE MEDICAL SYSTEMS INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES, INC) 23 October 2002 (2002-10-23)
D3 : US 3 865 101 A (SAPER ET AL) 11 February 1975 (1975-02-11)
D4 : WO 01/66182 A (CARDIAC SCIENCE, INC) 13 September 2001 (2001-09-13)
- 2 Although **claims 1, 22 and 28** have been drafted as separate independent claims, they appear to relate effectively to the same subject-matter and to differ from each other only with regard to the definition of the subject-matter for which protection is sought and in respect of the terminology used for the features of that subject-matter. The aforementioned claims therefore lack conciseness and as such do not meet the requirements of Article 6 PCT. For this reason, only claim 1 will be studied in details.
- 3 **INDEPENDENT CLAIM 1**

The present application does not meet the criteria of Article 33(1) PCT, because the subject-matter of **claim 1 is not new** in the sense of Article 33(2) PCT. Document D1 discloses (the references in parentheses applying to this document) a **modular external defibrillator** system, comprising:
a **base** (element 14, figure 1) containing a **defibrillator module** to deliver a defibrillation shock to a patient;
a **patient parameter monitoring pod** (monitor 14, figure 1) connectable to a patient via patient lead cables to collect patient data, the patient data including at least one patient vital sign; and
a **power supply sharing link** (link 40, figure 1) between the base and the pod, the pod receiving power from the base via the power sharing link, the pod being operable to collect patient data without receiving power from the base (column 5, line 4-34).

4 DEPENDENT CLAIMS 2-21

Dependent claims 2-21 contain either features known per se from the prior art or being simple constructional features. Thus they would only satisfy Art. 33(2),(3) PCT when referring to a patentable independent claim.

5 In order to facilitate the examination of the conformity of the amended application with the requirements of Art. 34(2)(b) PCT, the applicant is requested to **clearly identify the amendments carried out**, no matter whether they concern amendments by addition, replacement or deletion, and to indicate the passages of the application as filed on which these amendments are based (see also Rule 66.8(a) PCT).

If the applicant regards it as appropriate these indications could be submitted in handwritten form on a copy of the relevant parts of the application as filed.

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER
IPC 7 A61N1/39 A61N1/18 A61N1/08

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)
IPC 7 A61N

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	US 5 105 821 A (REYES ET AL) 21 April 1992 (1992-04-21) column 5, lines 4-22; figure 1 -----	1,2
Y	EP 1 250 944 A (GE MEDICAL SYSTEMS INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES, INC) 23 October 2002 (2002-10-23) column 2, lines 10-33; figure 1 -----	28
X	US 3 865 101 A (SAPER ET AL) 11 February 1975 (1975-02-11) pages 6-9; figure 1 -----	1,2
X	WO 01/66182 A (CARDIAC SCIENCE, INC) 13 September 2001 (2001-09-13) the whole document -----	1,2,22
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Patent family members are listed in annex.

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